



State of California  
The Resources Agency  
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Eel River Conservation Camp – Emergency Repairs to Access Bridge Crossing Eel River		
PROJECT LOCATION	Section 2, T4S, R3E HBM Two Miles North of Redway Along the South Fork of the Eel River	COUNTY	Humboldt
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project involves making emergency repairs to a bridge crossing the South Fork of the Eel River which provides access to CAL FIRE's Eel River Conservation Camp (an essential services facility). Caltrans and CAL FIRE engineers have confirmed critical scour defects at Pier 3 which require immediate treatment. The project will place approximately 100 "A-Jack" units (24" pre-formed concrete structures) around the base of Pier 3 under the direction of a structural engineer. All work will be done by hand at a time when the river is at its lowest point. A staging area located along the east bank of the river will be used. A pick-up truck will transport disassembled "A-Jack" units to this location to be assembled and transported by hand and placed at the foot of the pier. An erosion-control structure, formed by the placement of these interlocking A-Jack units, will be created. This structure will prevent continued scouring. Disturbance to the river bank at the staging area and within the river during A-Jack installation will be minimized. Barring unforeseen circumstances, CAL FIRE plans to initiate and complete the work as soon as possible.

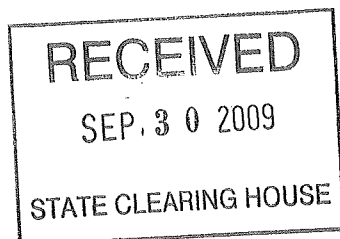
### EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☐ Categorical Exemption Type/Section:  
☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):  
☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)  
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))  
☒ Emergency Project (§21060.3; §15269(b)(c))

### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project meets the definition included in CEQA Guidelines §15269(b) and (c) pertaining to projects which must be implemented immediately to prevent an emergency (bridge collapse would cause significant environmental impacts to the river), to make emergency repairs to publicly owned service facilities necessary to carry out essential services (bridge closure would disrupt fire protection services) and a specific action necessary to prevent an emergency. CAL FIRE has designed this project so as to avoid significant environmental impacts. Registered Professional Foresters, Archaeologists, and Environmental Planners on staff at CAL FIRE have reviewed the project and determined that no environmental impact will occur.

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For: William E. Snyder 9/30/09  
William E. Snyder, Deputy Director Date